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Fact Sheet

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ICE AND NYC PROBATION DEPARTMENT

In October of 2003, a list of foreign-born aliens on probation with New York City was provided to ICE by the NY Division of Criminal Justice. This launched a joint investigation between ICE and NYC Department of Probation in March 2004 targeting probationers who met the ICE definition of a "Sexual Predator."

On August 18, 2004 the first enforcement operation was conducted resulting in the arrests of sixty-seven foreign-born criminal alien sex offenders, all of whom were subject to being placed in removal proceedings based upon their prior sex offense convictions.

Last December, ICE Agents working with NYC Probation launched a second operation resulting in the arrests of thirty-three foreign-born criminal alien sex offenders with prior convictions for sex offenses against children.

Today's operation targeted 50 predators consisting of Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders), Visitor for Business visa holder (B-1), Visitors for Pleasure (tourist) (B-2) and 31 illegal aliens. The predators are from 18 different countries including: Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Ukraine. There was one female target.

The crimes include: Attempted Sex Abuse, 1st Degree, Sodomy, 1st Degree, Sexual Conduct Against a Child-1st Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child (underlying offense is a sex offense), Attempted Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Rape in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Rape in the 2nd Degree, Rape, 3rd Degree, Sex Abuse, 1st Degree, Sex Abuse-2nd Degree, Sex Abuse, 3rd Degree, Sexual Misconduct, Sodomy-3rd Degree, Reckless Endangerment, Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child and Assault With Intent To Cause Physical Injury.

All Predators will be arrested by the ICE's [Office of Investigations](#), transported and processed at 26 Federal Plaza with the assistance of ICE's [Federal Protective Service](#) and placed in area detention facilities by ICE's [Office of Detention and Removal](#).

Operation Predator is an initiative to identify, investigate, and arrest child predators. Officially launched by Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge in July 2003, Operation Predator draws on ICE's unique investigative and enforcement authorities to target four types of crimes: foreign national pedophiles, human traffickers, international child sex tourists and Internet child pornography. Nationwide, more than **6,500** individuals have been arrested as part of Operation Predator, including more than **900** in New York and New Jersey. Of the alien predators arrested, more than **3,100** have been deported.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.